

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 3-8 of the specification as follows:

The "ratio of number of orders" is the ratio of the number of orders after order expired to the number of orders before order expired. More specifically: ratio of number of orders = (number of orders in month in which orders occurred after orders were nil for 24 months) / (number of orders immediately before orders were nil for 24 months). Simply stated, the ratio of number of orders is the ratio between number of orders before after and after before order expired.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 4-7 of the specification as follows:

Based on the data, the calculated result display ENG 10h forecasts (calculates) the future number of orders of the very-low-order-rate (1) parts and displays or prints the result of the forecast by means of a cathode ray tube ("CRT") CRT or printer (neither shown).

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 20-24 as follows:

In Figure 13, L1 is a straight regression line obtained solely from from known data and L2 is a straight regression line obtained from known data and a value Md obtained by modified Monte Carlo simulation. In the figure, the straight regression line L1 is presented only as a reference. The straight regression line L2 is used in the future order forecasting method of this embodiment.